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SUBJECT: STATUS OF GOVERNMENT BILL ON LABOR MANAGEMENT

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CODETERMINATION (MITBESTIMMUNG)

REF: (A) BONN 20182; (B) BONN 20114; (C) BONN 19388;
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1. THE AMENDED GOVERNMENT BILL ON CODETERMINATION HAS BEEN APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE BUNDESTAG LABOR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND NOW IS SCHEDULED FOR FINAL DEBATE IN A PLENUM SESSION OF THE BUNDESTAG ON MARCH 18.

2. AS ANTICIPATED IN REF (A), THE OPPOSITON CDU/CSU PARTIES PROPOSED A NUMBER OF REVISIONS WHICH WERE REJECTED BY THE MAJORITY SPD AND FDP MEMBERS.

3. THE MINORITY TRADE UNION CDU MEMBERS OF THE LABOR AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE NORBERT BLUEM, ADOLF MUELLER (REMSCHIED) AND OTTO ZINK-ALSO PROPOSED AMENDING THE BLL TO DUPLICATE THE PROVISIONS OF THE EXISTING LEGISLATION IN THE COAL AND STEEL INDUSTRY. THIS WAS A POLITICAL MOVE TO EMBARRASS THE SPD FACTION WHICH HAD ACCEPTED THE FDP DEMANDS FOR AMENDING THE BLL AT THE EXPENSE OF PREVIOUS SPD COMMITMENTS TO THE DGB UNIONS. SPD COMMITTEE MEMBERS REACTED BY COMMENTING THAT THIS WAS JUST A LAST MINUTE ATTEMPT OF SOME MEMBERS OF THE CDU/CSU TO BECOME IDENTIFIED WITH THE INEVITABLE PASSAGE OF THE BLL.

4. COMMENT: THE OPPOSITION CDU/CSU WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT IN PRINCIPLE BUT CRITICIZE THE DETAILED PROVISIONS OF THE BILL AND MAY TRY AGAIN IN THE FNAL PLENUM SESSIONS TO MAKE SOME SPECIFIC AMENDMENTS. HOWEVER, AS NDICATED IN REF (A), THE BILL WILL PROBABLY BE APPROVED WITHIN THE NEXT TWO OR THREE MONTHS.
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